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Governor appoints Riverside Fire Captain to Seismic Safety Commission

RIVERSIDE, Calif – Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. today announced today that Timothy Strack of Riverside has been appointed to the Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission.

Strack who was hired by the Riverside Fire Department in 1995 and promoted to Fire Captain in 2003 said, "I am excited and honored to be appointed by Governor Brown to a commission of upmost importance to public safety for the citizens of California". Strack was a firefighter at the San Bernardino County Fire Department from 1987 to 1995. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration from the California State University, San Bernardino. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem.

The Commission is composed of 20 commissioners chosen for their expertise and experience. The panel advises Governor Brown on earthquake-related issues and makes recommendations to reduce earthquake risk. Fifteen members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, one member is appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, and one by the Speaker of the Assembly. In addition, the Building Standards Commission, the State Architect's office, and Cal EMA each appoint a representative.

Strack joins Riverside Council Member Mike Gardner on the Commission. Council Member Gardner was appointed Chair of the Commission in July. Senate confirmation of Council Member Gardner's appointment is scheduled for later this week and his term will expire May 15, 2013.

Riverside City Councilman Gardner commented, "Tim's leadership, public safety experience and energy make him a great addition to the Commission."

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